

Chaplains

Chaplains are professionally trained spiritual care providers who journey with others with a spirit of acceptance and love.

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- listen and offer a confidential space to speak about joys, sorrows and concerns.
- provide spiritual support during times of change or loss, respecting individual differences while affirming our common humanity.
- support residents concerning their end-of-life decisions.
- develop and coordinate community worship and memorial services.
- design ceremonies of blessing and remembrance.
- facilitate special groups, such as meditation and prayer and devotion, providing opportunities for spiritual growth and renewal.
- foster relationships with community clergy and faith leaders.
- serve as part of the multi-discipline team promoting and encouraging whole-person care and ethical decision-making.

A Diverse Spiritual Community

Havenwood Heritage Heights is a diverse spiritual community affiliated with the New Hampshire Conference of the United Church of Christ.

Spiritual Care at Havenwood Heritage Heights supports your fullness of life through the natural cycle of life's transitions. Our Spiritual Care Team engages that which gives your life meaning. This may be through one-to-one connection, hospital visitation, spirituality groups, discussions, worship and celebration. Among these are Mindful Meditation, Sunday Community Worship, Bible Sharing and Reflections in Nature. Our team also officiates weddings, house blessings and memorial services.

The department has an accredited Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Program. CPE is a graduate level program for those training for ministry. CPE Interns are a diverse group that offer spiritual care to residents, their families and staff.

Chaplains and CPE Interns lead weekly Sunday Community Worship services held on each campus. All services are posted in the weekly newsletter calendar as well as additional services offered by area clergy.

There is a chapel on each campus. The Chapel is a place of peace and comfort where residents, friends, families and staff are welcome.

In each Chapel, there is a Spiritual Care Library with a variety of resources to borrow 24-hours a day.

HHH encourages the development of strong bonds between residents and area churches. Bus transportation is available throughout the year.

Please refer to the Transportation Schedule for specific information regarding the Sunday Church Bus Schedule.



Spiritual Care & Education

Our Spiritual Care Team

Rev. Michelle DeCoste	224-5363, ext. 1409
Rev. Kimberly Wootan	227-1410
Rev. Joel Eaton	227-1346
Lisa Graham	229-1103
Spiritual Care Office	229-1103
CPE Interns	ext. 1471

We look forward to meeting you!

Meet the Spiritual Care & Education Department Staff

Director of Spiritual Care & Education

Rev. Michelle DeCoste



is an ACPE Certified Educator and an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. She recently completed a Contemplative Spiritual Direction program that is deepening her practice and appreciation for silence.

Michelle lives in Sutton with her spouse, Kris and their rescue dog, Ona. She enjoys trips outside with her dog and creating gardens. She is passionate about drawing, watching movies and enjoying dinner with friends.

Michelle's office is located across from the Havenwood Chapel on the first floor of the Administration building.

The soul is the greening life force..., for the body grows and prospers through her. The soul humidifies the body so it does not dry out, just like the rain which soaks into the earth.

Hildegard of Bingen

Rev. Kimberly Wootan



is a chaplain offering care at HHH and is an ordained Unitarian Universalist minister. She is pursuing final accreditation with APC.

Kimberly lives in Concord. She has three grown children and a large extended family. She enthusiastically cooks for friends and family. Nature feeds her soul as she enjoys hiking, walking dogs, and gardens.

Kimberly's office is located in across from the Havenwood Chapel.

Administrative Assistant Lisa Graham



is the Administrative Assistant for Spiritual Care & Education Department at HHH. Lisa lives in Hopkinton with her teenage twins. Her office is located in the basement across from the Auditorium.

Rev. Joel Eaton



Is an interfaith chaplain offering spiritual care at HHH. Before coming to HHH, Joel served as pastor of the United Church of Acworth, NH and offered spiritual care in hospice and hospital settings in southwest New Hampshire.

Joel lives in Concord with his wife and son. An incurably curious mind, he loves to read everything from fiction to philosophy and is beginning a hobby of memorizing poetry. Joel loves to hike the many trails of New Hampshire and to sing and play his guitar with friends and family. Joel enjoys finding ways to integrate music into the ways he offers spiritual care.

"Praying"

by Mary Oliver

*It doesn't have to be the blue iris,
it could be weeds in a vacant lot,
or a few small stones;*

*just pay attention,
then patch a few words together...*

*this is the doorway into thanks,
and a silence in which
another voice may speak."*